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**GRAND MARSHAL'S
NIGHT
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 8, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT
5:30 PM
CEREMONY TO START
AT 6:00 PM**



**NEXT MEETING
SECOND TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH
FEBRUARY 11, 2025
WHITE EAGLE HALL
6:30 PM**



**THE ST. PATRICK'S
PARADE
MARCH 16, 2025**

OUR PARADE CHAIRMAN JOHN KELLY IS SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE COMMITTEE AND HELP PLAN THE BEST PARADE IN THE VALLEY.

**MEETING ARE
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM
DIBELLA'S RESTAURANT**



**ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
JOURNAL**

**AS YOU KNOW EACH YEAR, WE
PUBLISH A PARADE JOURNAL TO
HELP PAY FOR THE PARADE
EXPENSES. PLEASE TAKE AN AD
AND ALSO PLEASE SELL AN AD THE
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IS NOT
FREE TO PRODUCE; WE NEED ALL
OF THE HELP YOU CAN GIVE US.**

**SELL THOSE ADS!!
THIS IS THE WAY WE PAY FOR
THE PARADE
LET'S MAKE SURE THIS
CONTINUES TO BE THE
GRANDEST PARADE IN THE
VALLEY!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR 2025 ST. PATRICK'S
DIGNITARIES**

**GRAND MARSHAL
BILL SUTTON**



William C Sutton, the son of Charles F and Jessie Woolsey

Sutton, was born in Ruby, New York on July 25, 1947. Bill attended Kingston City Schools and graduated from Kingston High School in 1965. In 1967 Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served in Danang Viet Nam from 1968-1969 and attained the rank of Corporal. Following discharge from the Marine Corps, Bill was employed by Central Hudson Gas and Electric for 39 years, retiring in 2008. Bill is a member of the Ulster AOH, Lifetime Member of the Ruby Rod and Gun Club, American Legion Post 72, VFW Post 1386, Lifetime Member of the First Marine Division Association, and is Vice President of the Mount Marion Cemetery Association. Bill has been the Entertainment Chairman of the Hooley on the Hudson for the past few years. Bills Irish roots trace back to his maternal 2nd great grandmother, Mary Ann Taylor who emigrated to Brooklyn from Downpatrick, County Down in 1844. I consider it a huge honor to be chosen the 2025 Saint Patrick's Day Grand Marshal and would like to thank all involved in organizing the largest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the Hudson Valley.

IRISH PRINCESS
CADENCE TUEY



My name is Cadence Tuey. I am 14 years old, I attended Kingston Catholic School where I graduated. I now attend Our Lady of Lourdes High School as a ninth-grade student. In my spare time, I enjoy playing softball and talking to my friends. I am a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kingston, NY. My Irish ancestry comes from mainly my dad's side of the family. In the late 1800s, my great-great grandfather, Edward Toohey, came to America from Sligo County, Ireland. He changed the spelling of his last name to Tuey. His descendants include my great grandfather Edward Tuey (1901-1970), my grandfather John Tuey (1934-2000) and his wife, my grandmother, Franzi Tuey (1947-2024). They had my dad Terrence Tuey (born 1979). For my Confirmation, I took the name of Irish Saint Brigid, which was the name of my great-great grandfather's sister. I am honored to be the Irish Princess of 2025.

BEARER OF ST. PATRICK
BRANTLEY WRIXON



Brantley Granger Wrixon, 9, son of Connor Wrixon and Linzey Pugliese. Grandson of Chrissie and Tod Wrixon. Great Grandson of Rose and Ed Boyle. Brantley is honoring his great grandfather Ed Boyle and is excited to be Bearer of St. Patrick. Brantley attends ER Crosby School and is in the 3rd grade. He enjoys watching and playing football, and other hobbies are playing video games, golf, baseball, swimming and riding his 4-wheeler. Brantley is excited to march in the parade because he was born on the parade day 9 years ago. He would like to thank the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for this honor.

Happy St. Patrick's Day 

MAYOR OF THE DAY
RITA GEARY SCHABOT



Rita Geary Schabot is a native Kingstonian and is both grateful and deeply honored to be the 2025 mayor of the day. Ironically, she is already fondly referred to as the "mayor of Hoffman Street" for her care and

commitment to all of her neighbors.

She is a second generation Kingstonian, the fourth child (all girls) born to Ken and Agnes Geary. Rita received her sacraments at St. Peter's Church, Kingston including marrying the love of her life, Ray Schabot there in 1965.

She attended St. Peter's school, Academy of St. Ursula and is a graduate of Kingston High School. She went on to graduate from St. Catherine's Infant Home in Albany and began work at Benedictine Hospital. Soon though, Rita chose to stay home and raise her four children: Christine, Raymond, Michael and Lisa. As they grew she opted to return to the workplace serving "special needs" children within Kingston City Schools, retiring in 2012.

While she has endured deep family tragedies, she is also living proof of the saying "that which does not kill us makes us stronger!"

Her strength and energy have been an inspiration to all who know her.

In addition to her professional life, she has also had a long history of volunteerism including as a CCD teacher for over a decade at St. Peter's Church, as a member of the Bloomington Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary since 1991 and as a member of the LAOH since 2009. In addition, Rita is a dedicated daily volunteer at "People's Place" since 2012.

Rita's Irish heritage comes from her father, Ken Geary, who, by the way, would be "over the moon" to see his baby girl receive this honor! The Geary family arrived in America from Cloyne, County Cork Ireland on Christmas day 1888. They settled in Kingston and for generations have made this area their home. Rita is now passing on her Irish pride to her five grandchildren and she recently became a proud great grandmother.

Slainte To All This St. Patrick's Season!



THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER
NEIL MURRAY

The US Army during the 1860's - 1880's was largely an Immigrant Army. Upwards of 50% of our soldiers were foreign born. The largest groups consisted of German and Irish immigrants. Please follow the link below to a wonderful presentation on the Irish in the Army and those who fought with the famous General Custer.

The Irish & Why They Fought at Custer's Last Stand
youtube.com



Slainte
Neil



AOH
"LUCKY THREE" IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS

Bill Murphy
JANUARY

- 1/08 #287 \$35 William Harvey
- 1/09 #404 \$35 Jessica Brewer
- 1/09 #404 \$35 James Kelly
- 1/09 #404 \$35 Diana Lannon
- 1/11 #483 \$35 Anthony Maggio
- 1/18 #675 \$35 Chrissie Wrixon
- 1/22 #921 \$35 Andrew J Gilday
- 1/22 #921 \$35 Kathie Reilly
- 1/22 #921 \$35 Pat Maher
- 1/24 #726 \$35 Jennifer Singleton
- 1/24 #726 \$35 Tim Geary
- 1/25 #058 \$35 Delaney Branford
- 1/26 #203 \$75 Wayne Hull (Sunday)
- 1/26 #203 \$75 William Harvey
- 1/27 #132 \$35 Pete Clausi
- 1/27 #132 \$35 Sam Chessari
- 1/30 #427 \$35 Todd Jordan
- 1/30 #427 \$35 Rich Williams
- 1/31 #435 \$35 Melissa Schiskie



DUES-DUES--DUES

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2025

The bills for the 2025 are being prepared; please make sure you pay your dues on time. Please pay as soon as you can, we need your help this year more than ever. Our dues are very reasonable at \$25.00 per year. You can still pay your dues at our next meeting and receive your membership card. Keep up your support for our efforts to educate our kids and the general public about our great culture. Remember we need to pay for all those on our membership list for National and State Dues. Send your dues and also for any other prior years to:

UCAOH Div 1
PO Box 2026
Kingston, NY 12402



THE IRISH SHOW

Every Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM WKNY with Ken and Anna Brett. www.radiokingston.org
1490 AM 107.9 FM



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers all our members who may be experiencing ill health
Fr Kevin Malick



Sponsor someone for membership. Applications are on the website and dues are only \$25.00 per year.

Keep searching out those Irish sons that qualify for membership. 2025 Dues mailing are being prepared. Thank you to all.

Please pay your dues.

Remember-

There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met.
W.B. Yeats.



IN MEMORIUM



Our brother Wes Seche passed away this past month. If you ever had talked to Wes you know you were in for a treat for several minutes and his Seafood Bisque soup was the best.

Please remember our Brother Dan Gaffney his wife Pam (Wes's daughter) and their family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Edward "Wes" Seche November 2, 1935 - January 22, 2025

U.S. Veteran

Edward "Wes" Seche, 89, of Kingston died peacefully on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Mountain Valley Manor. He was born on November 2, 1935, in Kingston, New York, the son of the late Edward Wesley Seche, Sr. and Mary Ferraro Seche.

Wes served our country in the United States Navy from 1956-1962. He returned home and began work at IBM at both the Kingston and Poughkeepsie locations. Wes retired in 1991 and was a proud member of their Quarter Century Club. Following his retirement, Wes worked at several local restaurants, including his brother's Ugly Gus Café. Active in the Town of

Kingston, Wes served as the Town Clerk for twelve years and was also Town Councilman and Highway Superintendent. He was also a member of the Hidden Valley Lodge, Highwoods Sportsmen's Club and Sawkill Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as Assistant Chief. Additionally, Wes was an active member of the Ulster County Highway Superintendents Association, Ulster County Italian Americans Foundation, and the Ulster County Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1. A longtime parishioner of St. Joseph Church, Kingston, Wes was a daily communicant for years. He also served as chaplain for the American Legion Post 1748, until recently.

Surviving are his daughters, Pamela Seche Gaffney and her husband Daniel of Kingston and JoAnn Goldsmith and her husband Craig of Amesbury, MA; grandchildren, Brendan Gaffney of Boston, MA, Bernadette Gaffney Ridley (Adam) of Northborough, MA, and Molly Rose Gaffney (fiancé, Jack Celuch) of Albany, NY. Great-granddaughters, Elizabeth and Katherine Ridley. Wes is also survived by his siblings, Thomas Seche (Virginia) of Hurley, NY, Claudia Seche of Montclair, NJ, Steven Seche (Susan) of Vienna, VA and Chris Seche (Vincenza) of Hurley, NY and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by wife, Faye in 2011 and longtime companion, Linda Combs Akins.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Wes' honor to American

Legion Post 1748, PO Box 163, Lake Katrine, NY 12449-0163.



AOH JUNIOR DIVISION

As always, we need your help to spread the word. Nephews, Cousins, Grandsons, Family Friends... we need them all to join! Please help keep the AOH alive by infecting our youngsters with the same beliefs and cultural richness as we have! Any input and assistance are welcomed!!



TIN WHISTLE LESSONS

Saturday Mornings
Arace, Broadway, Kingston, NY

Did you ever want to learn to play the Tin Whistle? Well, you are in luck. Stay Tuned for our new schedule coming up. Our very own Shea Gallagher who is a Piper in the band will be organizing a 10-week class at Arace just after pipe practice Saturday Mornings. Bring your own tin whistle or we have them for sale. Give a call 845-338-6622 and get the details as to what you need to start.



PIPE, DRUM AND HONOR **GUARD NEWS**

Scott Benson

Feel free to join us at any event and all are welcome to come and learn Saturday mornings with Jim Carey or with the band at Monday night practice.



**ULSTER COUNTY AOH
DIVISION 1
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/UlsterAOH>

We also have pages setup for the Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley. They can be found at:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCHudsonValley>

Web: <http://www.icchv.org>

Instagram @icchudsonvalley

Finally, if you have any pictures, events, or announcements you would like to have posted on the AOH or ICC Facebook pages, please send a message to either Facebook Account.



**IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
(ICC) - HUDSON VALLEY**

www.icchv.org

There are a lot of activities the ICCHV is conducting each month.



GAELIC CLASSES

Gaelic Classes conducted by our own Bob McDonald. Classes are each Friday during the school session- Gaelic in the Glen, online language classes 5:30 pm Beginner 6:30 pm Intermediate



TRAD SESSIONS

Trad Sessions at the Ole Savannah Restaurant continue the first Sunday of each month.

SCHEDULE for January

Sunday, January 5th Irish Trad Music Session 2-4 pm Ole Savannah Southern Table & Bar
Come on down and join the fun.

Check out the ICCHV website ICCHV.ORG support our loyal sponsors.

Thank you.

Keep Moving Forward!!



**LAOH DIVISION 5
NEWS**

Jean Steuding

NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

St. Mary's St. Peter's

5:30 P.M

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – 5:30 PM, We are having a Mass in honor of St. Brigid on February 11 at 5:30 pm and our regular meeting will be held after the Mass at St. Mary's St. Peter's Divine Mercy Room

2025 Dues are due, they are \$ 25.00 - you can pay at the meeting or mail Dues to LAOH, PO Box 2432, Kingston NY 12402, if you have any questions contact Chrissie Wrixon 845-901-1191 or laoh5ulster@gmail.com

Saturday, February 8, 2025, is Grand Marshal Night. Doors

open at 5:30, Ceremony starts at 6 PM.

Mayor of Day, Monday March 17, 2025, will start with a 9 am mass at St. Mary's/St. Peter's, followed by light breakfast and ceremony at City Hall, followed by Luncheon at Frank's Little Italy, Cost \$45.00. The Luncheon will start at 12 noon. Reservation required, there is a limited seating. The lunch will be buffet, with bread, salad, soda, coffee and dessert included. There will be a cash bar. Contact Chrissie for reservations or more information, 845-901-1191.

Parade will be Sunday, March 16, 2025. We are looking for Journal Ads for the Parade Journal. Contact Patty Jacob or Pam Boyle for more information.

LAOH has a new email address: laoh5ulster@gmail.com for any communication. if you don't see any emails from the above address, please check your spam folder.

We are in the early stages of our Designer Pocketbook Bingo, Save the Date, Sunday, May 5, 2025, Doors open at 12 noon, calling at 1 pm. Cost \$45.00 Reservation suggested. email laoh5ulster@gmail.com or Chrissie at 845-901-1191 for more information or questions.

Please pray for Kathleen Houghtaling, Terry Glennon, Paula Horvers and Jean Steuding.

Notify Andrea Beaver at dree1968@yahoo.com or 845-417-4302 if you know of a member or friend of the LAOH you think should receive a card of some kind.

Congratulations to our 2025 St. Patrick's Dignitaries:

Grand Marshal - Bill Sutton

Mayor of the Day - Rita Schabot

Irish Princess - Cadence Tuey

Bearer of St. Patrick - Brantley Wrixon

Upcoming Dates:

February 8, 2025 - Saturday - Grand Marshal night White Eagle Hall - Time Doors open at 5:30 pm, ceremony starts at 6 pm. We will be looking for volunteers to donate desserts and chips.

February 11, 2025 - Monthly Meeting - 5:30 will start with a Mass in honor of St. Brigid, meeting to follow St. Mary's/St. Peter's

March 11, 2025 - Monthly Meeting - 5:30 St. Mary's/St. Peter's

March 16, 2025 - St. Patrick's Day Parade - Details to follow

March 17, 2025 - Mayor of Day Luncheon - 12 noon, Frank Little Italy, Reservation required.



Not as good as Wes's



Simple Seafood Bisque

The Modern Proper

- Serves: **12**
- Prep Time: **5 min**
- Cook Time: **45 min**

• Calories: **668**

Ingredients

- **2 cups (4 sticks)** salted butter
- **6** green onions, white and green parts, finely chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ **cup** all-purpose flour
- **1 pound** crawfish meat
- **1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds** raw shrimp, peeled and deveined, roughly chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ **pound** crab meat
- **4 cups** heavy cream
- **4 cups** half and half
- **1 (14.75-ounce) can** creamed corn
- **1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons** Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning
- **1 teaspoon** Old Bay Seasoning
- **1 teaspoon** kosher salt, plus more to taste
- **2 teaspoons** freshly cracked black pepper
- **1 teaspoon** cayenne pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ **cup** minced fresh chives, for garnish (optional)
- Crusty bread, for serving (optional)
- Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Once the butter has melted, add the green onions and cook, stirring, until tender, 3 minutes. Stir in the flour until incorporated.
- Add the crawfish, shrimp, crab, cream, half and half, creamed corn, Creole Seasoning, Old Bay, salt, pepper, and cayenne. Bring to a simmer, stirring, over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook,

stirring frequently, until thickened and the flavors have melded, about 40 minutes.

- Ladle the bisque into bowls, garnish with chives and serve with crusty bread on the side, if using.
- Note: If you can't find crawfish meat, substitute with the same amount of crab meat!



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Hibernian Motto

Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity
(Cairdis, Aontacht agus, Chríostaí Carthanais)

Keep the Faith
(Coinnigh an Faith)

Is Cuimhin Linn
(We Remember)

